

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Zheng Tan, *et al.*
Application No.: 10/668,387
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Examiner: J. Fortuna
Title: Chemical Activation And Refining Of Southern Pine Kraft Fibers

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated December 2, 2008, which set a three month period for response. Thus, this Amendment is considered timely if filed on or before May 4, 2009 (May 2, 2009 being a Saturday and May 3, 2009 being a Sunday).

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Amendment.